

**PATENT CLAIMS**

- Sub 1*
1. A method of preparing a trace element solution, which includes the steps
    - (a) of providing at least one EDTA-complex;
    - (b) of providing a sodium selenite solution; and
    - 5 (c) of combining the EDTA-complex(es) and the sodium selenite solution.
  2. A method as claimed in claim 1, in which more than one EDTA-complex is used and in which these EDTA-complexes are prepared in a single continuous process.
  - 10 3. A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complex is prepared by using disodium EDTA.
  - Sub 2*  
4. A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complex is prepared by using EDTA acid.
  - 15 5. A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complex is prepared by using at least one selected from the group consisting of metal oxides, metal hydroxides and metal carbonates.
  6. A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complex includes at least one of the metal compounds selected from the group consisting of copper, manganese, zinc, molybdenum and chromium.
  - 20 7. A trace element solution as prepared by a method as claimed in claim 1.
  - Sub 3*  
8. A trace element solution, which includes
    - (a) at least one EDTA complex prepared by using disodium EDTA or EDTA acid;

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(b) selenium; and  
(c) any other suitable mineral.

9. A solution as claimed in claim 8, which is an injectable solution.

10. A solution as claimed in claim 8, which is a drenchable solution.

5 11. A stock lick, which includes

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(a) at least one EDTA complex prepared by using disodium EDTA or EDTA acid ;  
(b) selenium; and  
(c) any other suitable mineral.

10 12. A method of providing trace elements to animals, such as livestock, which includes the steps of preparing a trace element solution as claimed in claim 1, and of providing the solution in a suitable quantity to an animal.

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